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Holy Father's telegram of condolences for the death of Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi

The following is the telegram of condolences for the death this morning of Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi, of the title of Sts. Ambrose and Charles, archbishop emeritus of Milan, Italy, sent bu the Holy Father Francis to His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Scola, apostolic administrator, and to His Excellency Msgr. Mario Delpini, archbishop elect.

Telegram of the Holy Father

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL ANGELO SCOLA APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR HIS EXCELLENCY MSGR. MARIO DELPINI, ARCHBISHOP ELECT PIAZZA FONTANA 2 20122 MILAN

UPON LEARNING OF THE PASSING OF DEAR CARDINAL DIONIGI TETTAMANZI, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCES TO THE RELATIVES OF THIS DIOCESAN COMMUNITY, WHICH INCLUDES HIM AMONG HER MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SONS AND AMONG HER MOST AMIABLE AND BELOVED PASTORS. I THINK WITH AFFECTION AND I REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE HIS INTENSE CULTURAL WORK AND PROFUSE PASTORAL MINISTRY OF THIS BLESSED BROTHER WHO IN HIS FRUITFUL EXISTENCE WITNESSED WITH JOY THE GOSPEL AND SERVED THE CHURCH OBEDIENTLY, FIRST AS A PRIEST IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILAN, THEN AS BISHOP OF ANCONA-OSIMO, SECRETARY OF THE ITALIAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE, ARCHBISHOP OF GENOA, THEN ARCHBISHOP OF THE BELOVED AMBROSIAN CHRUCH, AND FINALLY APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF VIGEVANO. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A CARING PASTOR, TOTALLY DEVOTED TO THE NEEDS AND THE GOOD OF ALL PRIESTS AND FAITHFUL, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THEMES OF THE FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND BIOETHICS, IN WHICH HE WAS PARTICULARLY EXPERT. I RAISE MY PRAYER TO THE LORD THAT, BY THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HE WELCOME THIS HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT, WHOM I GREATLY LOVED, IN JOY AND IN ETERNAL PEACE, AND I IMPART MY HEARTFELT APOSTOLIC BLESSING TO THOSE WHO MOURN HIS PASSING, WITH A SPECIAL THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO

LOVINGLY CARED FOR HIM IN THESE RECENT TIMES OF ILLNESS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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